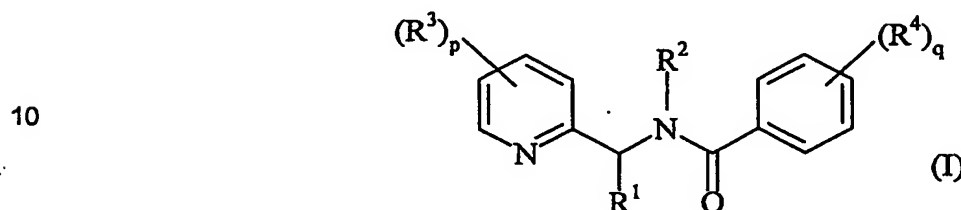


CLAIMS

- 5 1. A fungicidal composition comprising :
a) a pyridylmethylbenzamide derivative of general formula (I)



in which :

- 15 - R¹ may be a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted alkyl group or an optionally substituted acyl group;
- R² may be a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group;
- R³ and R⁴ may be chosen independently from each other as being a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a cyano group, a nitro group, -SF₅, a trialkylsilyl group, an optionally substituted amino group, an acyl group, or a group E, OE or SE, in which
20 E may be an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, aryl or a heterocyclyl group each of which may optionally be substituted;
- p represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q represents 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

and its agriculturally acceptable optical and/or geometric isomers, tautomers and
25 addition salts with an acid or a base;

and

b) a chloronitrile derivative which is chlorothalonil;

in a compound (I) / chlorothalonil weight ratio of from 0.005 to 1.

- 30 2. A composition according to claim 1, characterised in that R¹ and R² are chosen independently from each other as being a hydrogen atom or an optionally substituted alkyl group.

3. A composition according to claim 2, characterised in that the optionally
35 substituted alkyl group is a methyl group or an ethyl group.

4. A composition according to claim 3, characterised in that R^1 and R^2 are both hydrogen atoms.
5. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 4, characterised in that R^3 and R^4 are chosen independently from each other as being a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a nitro group, an optionally substituted amino group, an acyl group, or a group E, OE or SE, in which E may be a alkyl, a cycloalkyl, a phenyl or a heterocyclyl group, each of which may optionally be substituted.
6. A composition according to claim 5, characterised in that R^3 and R^4 are chosen independently from each other as being a halogen atom, a nitro group or a halogenoalkyl group.
7. A composition according to claim 6, characterised in that the halogen atom is a chlorine atom and the halogenoalkyl group is a trifluoromethyl group.
8. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 7, characterised in that p and q are chosen independently from each other as being 1 or 2.
9. A composition according to claim 8, characterised in that p is 2.
10. A composition according to claim 8 or 9, characterised in that q is 2.
11. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 10, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is chosen as being
- a compound (Ia) which is 2,6-dichloro-N-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}benzamide; or
 - a compound (Ib) which is N-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}-2-fluoro-6-nitrobenzamide; or
 - a compound (Ic) which is N-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]methyl}-2-methyl-6-nitrobenzamide.
12. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 11, characterised in that the compound (I) / chlorothalonil weight ratio is from 0.015 to less than 0.1.

13. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 11, characterised in that the compound (I) / chlorothalonil weight ratio is from greater than 0.1 to 0.2.

14. A composition according to claim 13, characterised in that the compound (I) /
5 chlorothalonil weight ratio is from 0.12 to 0.2.

15. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 14, characterised in that it further comprises an agriculturally acceptable support, carrier, filler and/or surfactant.

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16. A method for preventively or curatively controlling phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterised in that an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 15 is applied to the seed, the plant and/or to the fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to
15 grow.

17. A method according to claim 16, characterised in that the plant is potato, vegetables or lawn.

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